

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-10 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, the claims have simply been clarified such that it is evident that the composition comprises (1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine. This triarylamine may also contain two possible impurities, impurity (A) and impurity (B), in the stated amounts. Also, to avoid confusion with the triarylamine of (1), the formula numbers (e.g., (1)-(5)) have been removed from claims 2 and 3. These amendments are non-narrowing in nature since the claims have simply been clarified. In summary, no new matter has been added.

Additionally, no new issues have been raised by way of the present submission. Applicants have continually stressed the fact that the present claims relate to a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine, wherein two possible impurities in the stated amounts may be present. The present amendment simply represents Applicants continued attempt to embody the present invention in the language of the present claims. Thus, no new issues have been raised by way of the present submission which would require additional search and/or consideration on the part of the Examiner.

In the event that the present submission does not place the application into condition for allowance, entry thereof is respectfully requested as placing the application into better form for appeal.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for the reasons recited at page 2 of the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Examiner has asserted that the claims are unclear as to which combination of triarylamine is present. Applicants respectfully traverse. The present composition must include one ingredient - (1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine. However, since the (1) triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine is not required to be completely pure, two additional compounds may be present as impurities. These are compound (A) and compound (B) as defined in the claims. In particular, the composition may include 0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) and 1 wt% or less of compound (B).

Applicants submit that the claim language is fully definite and satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact Craig A. McRobbie (Reg. No. 42,874) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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